IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

BOX RECONSTRUCTION

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Serial Number: 09/380,695

Group Art Unit: To be assigned

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USE OF A 7_{α} -METHYL-17 $_{\alpha}$ -ETHYNYL-ESTRANE DERIVATIVE FOR THECEIVED

TREATMENT OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS

Corresponding to: PCT/EP98/01293, filed March 3, 1998 1 8 MAY 2001

PETITION TO RECONSTRUCT LOST PATENT FILE

International Division

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

May 15, 2001

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to reconstruct the lost patent file for the above-referenced application. Applicants learned on April 23, 2001 from James Thomson, Petitions Attorney for the PCT Legal Office, that the Patent Office file for the present application was lost. Mr. Thomson thus advised Applicants to file the present petition along with a copy of the application file. Accordingly, Applicants enclose a copy of the following items:

- 1. PCT Application, PCT/EP98/01293 (21 pages)
- 2. Transmittal Letter for National Stage Filing (2 pages)
- 3. Express Mail receipt, dated September 3, 1999
- Preliminary Amendment, dated September 3, 1999 (3 pages) 4.
- 5. Information Disclosure Statement, dated December 3, 1999, and PTO-1449 form (3 pages); International Search Report (3 pages); 5 cited references
- Telefax Cover Sheet (1 page); Letter dated August 1, 6. 2000 (1 page); corrected Transmittal Letter for National Stage Filing (2 pages); Activity Report (1 page)

7. Transmittal Letter, dated November 30, 2000 (1 page);
Petition for Revival of Unintentionally Abandoned
Application, dated November 30, 2000 (2 pages);
Preliminary Amendment, dated November 30, 2000
(corrected as requested in the "Decision on Petition
Under 37 CFR 1.182", copy also enclosed) (3 pages); Fee
Transmittal, dated November 30, 2000 (1 page); Postcard
Receipt (1 page)

The Petition to Revive was filed in response to the "Decision on Petition under 37 CFR 1.182" referred to above and also enclosed herewith (2 pages).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request grant of the present petition, based on the above reasons and the enclosed materials. Applicants also then request grant of the Petition to Revive, filed on November 30, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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